

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 549 – HB 985

March 13, 2013

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Prohibits non-citizens from being admitted to polling places. Requires all poll watchers to be United States citizens.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004500): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires any observer of an election authorized by the county election commission to be a citizen of the United States. Requires all appointed poll watchers to be citizens of the United States and to be age 17 by Election Day.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- According to the Division of Elections, currently election officials must be registered voters and therefore United States citizens. There will be no impact on the Division.
- Requiring election observers to be United States citizens, and requiring appointed poll watchers to be United States citizens and be age 17 will not have a significant fiscal impact on state or local government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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